

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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This is an appeal of an approval of wireless telecommunications facility. The applicant, AT&T Wireless, is requesting a conditional use permit to authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of a 100 foot tall wireless telecommunications facility at 147 East Loma Alta Drive in the community of Altadena. The subject property is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the surrounding uses consist of single-family residences.

Due to opposition from the neighbors, the Hearing Officer referred the case to the Regional Planning Commission. The Regional Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit on the basis that the proposed design and location are appropriate because the facility will be camouflaged as a pine tree and will be located near live trees that will help conceal it. However, as the appellant correctly points out, the R-1 Zone and Altadena Community Standards District has a maximum allowable height of 35 feet. The surrounding uses consist of one and two story single-family residences and a 100 foot monopine is visually obtrusive and inconsistent with the character of the neighborhood. Also, the live trees that would help conceal the proposed monopine are significantly lower than the proposed tower and will be visible. The live trees are also subject to disease and severe weather and cannot be considered a permanent method of concealing the monopine.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- Uphold the appeal and indicate its intent to deny the conditional use permit for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 100 foot tall wireless telecommunications facility at 147 East Loma Alta Drive and;
- Direct County Counsel to prepare the necessary findings for denial to bring back to the Board at a future meeting for its consideration.

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